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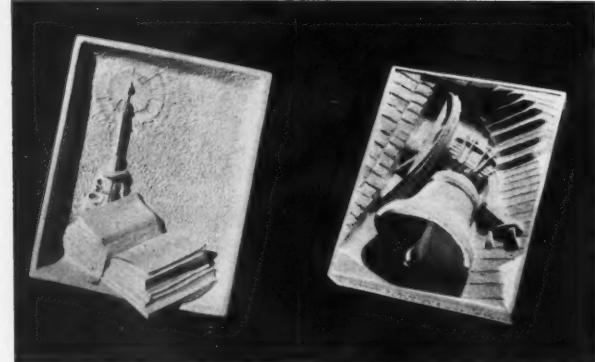
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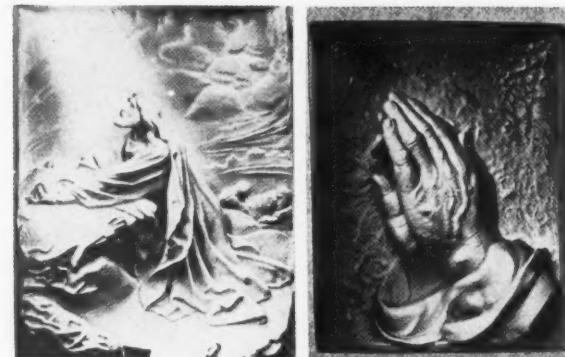
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Than we can ever know.
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by Mary Hamlett Goodman



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“My Faith Was Strengthened”

by Edwin D. Michael

*A Faith
to
Live by*

COME to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.” These words, recorded by Matthew at the close of the 11th chapter of his Gospel story, flashed across my mind.

For it was with a heavy-laden heart, as well as a loss of sleep, that I drove to the church to lead my congregation in a worship service on Sunday morning one Christmas day.

Our two-year-old son was seriously ill in the hospital. I had left my wife at his bedside. Randy had a virus and his condition was serious. He had been unable to keep anything on his stomach since the previous Tuesday night. A frightened, dehydrated little boy, begging for water, is as pathetic as a man dying of thirst on the desert.

Thus, it was with much loving, fatherly concern and great apprehension that I returned to my church that Sunday morning. My wife and I were hoping and praying that the crucial 24-hour period would pass and it would not be necessary to administer a fourth bottle of glucose into the feverish, already-swollen little legs and thighs.

Following the worship service I visited a class of juniors during the church school hour. The teacher informed the class that Randy was in the hospital, and that they would all want to remember him in their prayers. And then he said, “Marilyn, would you begin our class this morning with a prayer, please?” Marilyn stood up, and as the rest of the class reverently bowed their heads, she began her prayer. . . . “Dear God, we thank thee on this Christmas day for our church, and for those who teach and lead us. Bless Randy and help him to get well. Amen.”

With a lump in my throat and tears in my eyes, I dismissed myself from the class. We brought Randy home the next day, completely recovered.

The simple, spontaneous faith and trust of little children is amazing! Such refreshing faith makes life more worthwhile for us adults.

In the 18th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, our Lord is recorded to have said: “. . . unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

A minister may spend several years looking for the answers in college textbooks and theological volumes, but often it is the simple faith and trust of a child that may strengthen his own personal faith in God.

Mr. Michael is minister of First Christian Church, Newkirk, Oklahoma.

The author declares: "Pure religion, undefiled by bigotry, partisanship, or superficiality, belongs in politics."



RELIGION IN POLITICS

by Harold Glen Brown

ONE of our church members said to me in jest—I hope—“Be very careful what you say in a sermon on religion in politics, or we’ll lose a member.” “Who,” I asked, “you?” “No,” he countered, “you!”

Now you may be thinking, “Doesn’t everyone have a right to his own convictions? Is it bigotry to stand for something and to oppose contrary concepts?” Certainly not. It is a vital part of our religious and American heritage to be free to express our convictions and to disagree with those who hold different views. But bigotry involves distortion of truth, the magnifying of irrelevant issues, and the expression of hate and ill will.

It is *not* bigotry to discuss frankly the question of the separation of church and state. This is an issue which has a proper place in political discussion at local, state, and national levels. How does a school board candidate, a state official, or a presidential candidate stand on aid to parochial schools, or an ambassador or representative to the Vatican, on the separation of church and state regardless of what church has a majority and how preponderant that majority

may be? These are legitimate questions about which all Americans should be vitally concerned.

The concept of separation of church and state is neither Roman Catholic nor Protestant. It is an American constitutional principle to which every American ought to be committed and for which every American ought to be eternally vigilant. In the light of this basic American principle, it is wrong for Roman Catholic bishops in Puerto Rico to try to tell their parishioners how to vote, and it is equally wrong for Protestant ministers in Portland, or Dallas, or Kansas City to try to instruct their parishioners how to vote. Partisan politics has no place in the pulpit.

The principle of separation of church and state is an American concept to which every American should give allegiance. When we deny freedom and opportunity to any group in America, we are more than unAmerican; we thereby endanger our own freedom. Just as one unprotected individual in a room could not be asphyxiated without asphyxiating all the unprotected persons in that room, so the denial of freedom to one person or group threatens all.

However, separation of church and state does not mean separation of religion and state, nor separation of religion and poli-

tics; nor does it mean that the church does not have the right and the sacred duty to speak out on vital social and moral issues.

While no American citizen should make religious affiliation a transcendent political concern, one has a right to consider religious affiliation along with the other group affiliations of a candidate. Just as we learn something about the views and qualifications of a candidate from his membership in groups like the Oregon Chapter of United Nations, National Association of Manufacturers, AFL-CIO, American Legion, Democratic or Republican party, D.A.R., and World Federalists, so we may learn something from his church affiliation. But more important than a name on a church roll—is he or she a *good* member? Does the office seeker support the church with attendance, interest, and money; or does he just use the church’s prestige and name to further his political career?

We should be especially concerned about the religious values of political candidates. Is the candidate a person of integrity? Can he or she be counted upon to be thoroughly honest in handling a public trust? Is the candidate hypocritical or sincere? Is he making a pitch for votes, or sincerely stating his real conviction? Does he have a world view and

Adapted from a sermon by Mr. Brown, which he preached at First Christian Church, Portland, Ore., Nov. 6, 1960.

an attitude of good will toward all men or is he provincial, chauvinistic, and bigoted? These are proper religious tests that ought to be applied to every candidate by every voter.

Whether or not a candidate believes in God is a most relevant consideration, also. Imagine a president attempting to cope with the complex and burdensome problems of the highest office without a faith in some power beyond himself and beyond man.

Decisions affecting the lives and well-being of millions of people and the destiny of the world demand divine guidance. Even the mental health of a President in the light of the pressures of the office, would be dangerously threatened by a lack of faith in God.

In our earnest desire to avoid making a religious test for public office, in our adherence to separation of church and state, and in our wise desire to avoid partisan politics in the church, we should not be misled into thinking that the church rightfully has nothing to say in politics. The timeless truths of the gospel must be made relevant by the church to the timely political and social problems of today's world.

The prophets of the Old Testament were preachers who sought to put religion in politics.

Amos, a prophet of the eighth century before Christ, had so much to say about injustice, indulgence, and wickedness in Israel that his utterances were branded as seditious.

Hosea, the prophet of the unalterable love of God, addressed his preaching to the nation of Israel.

Isaiah was a statesman-prophet, actively concerned with the political life of his day through four administrations; and Jeremiah lifted his voice for God in times of political as well as religious crises.

Jesus, too, was concerned with more than money changers in the temple. He also sought to make society a temple of God. He lashed out against those who de-

voured widow's houses; he praised peacemakers; and he spoke of the way to the abundant life.

The established Orthodox Church in Russia, under the Czarist regime prior to the revolution, failed to concern itself with the real needs of the people. Although church and state were intertwined, vital religion and state, and vital religion and society were not related. This failure to apply religion to the moral and social issues of the day contributed greatly to the rise of communism in Russia. If the Russian Church had applied the right kind of religion to political and social issues, the Communist Revolution probably could not and would not have occurred.

Similarly, the churches in Germany by their dereliction contributed to the rise of Adolph Hitler. Often preoccupied with academic, theological debates, liturgical forms, and "other-world" emphases, the churches failed to give the German people the kind of vital Christianity that would have made it impossible for them to follow a demagogue like the "Fuehrer."

It is, however, to the everlasting credit of some churchmen in Germany that they spoke out against aggression and persecution after Hitler came to power—when educators, politicians, scientists, and social scientists were cowed into silence by Hitler's might.

Men are not individuals in isolation; individuals are not insulated from society. Individuals are to a large extent the product of their relationships; persons are inevitably immersed in society. Therefore, the church must be concerned with the problems and needs of society which help mold the lives of individuals as well as the problems and needs of individuals who make up and determine our society. Of course, religion—the Christian religion—must be aimed at individual conversions for a changed society requires changed men. Individuals must be given a new orientation, a new set of values, a

new faith. But religion must also be directed at society.

Religion cannot properly or successfully seek the salvation of individuals without seeking the salvation of society for the two are inextricably tied together.

This, then, is the conclusion of the matter. It would be unchristian and unAmerican for us to make the religious issue the criterion for our political decisions. There are too many other questions upon which our judgments as voters should rest—foreign policy, domestic issues, the qualifications, words and deeds of candidates, and the philosophies of political parties. Bloc voting is blockhead voting and bigotry is the antithesis of the Christian spirit.

But religion does belong in politics—not as a partisan instrument or as a weapon of bigots, but as a vital force in the lives of candidates and in the transformation of society. We must not dismiss, as some superficial secularists have done, religion from politics. All Americans, Roman Catholics, Protestants, Jews, and others should be concerned about preserving the American principle of separation of church and state; but all Christians should seek a blending of religion and politics and religion and life.

In his longest recorded prayer Jesus said, "I do not pray that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil one. . . . As thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them into thy world."

This is our Christian mission—not to withdraw from the great issues of politics and society, but to confront these problems and to focus upon them the brilliant light of Christian truth.

Pure religion, undefiled by bigotry, partisanship, or superficiality, belongs in politics. As Christians let us concern ourselves with the spirit, with the mind, with the body—and with the body politic—that the whole man will embrace the whole gospel, and the whole world will become the Kingdom of our Lord.

Editorials

Duty

LAST YEAR, *Life* magazine did society an excellent service (Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 1960) by printing Eichmann's story of his part in the extermination of millions of Jews during the regime of Adolf Hitler, in Germany. It remains to be seen how various cultures and states will profit by it.

One of the basic characteristics of the Christian religion is involved—the eternal worth of every individual in the sight of God. Eichmann was represented as feeling no guilt because he simply did his duty.

Duty! This is the stumbling block upon which many a person has broken a toe. An individual may have a strong set of ethical principles, based on biblical teaching and observations of Christians as they lived. Then, in the holocaust of war, society admits its failure to solve intergroup problems in any other way and calls its citizens to arms.

It is not easy to separate personal ethics and social ethics. Ask any Pacific, ETO or Korean Theatre veteran next Saturday, when we celebrate Veterans' Day. It is easy to sit at home and say what ought to be done. The individual should kill everyone he can, win the war and come home. Then he should pick up at once where he left off, never letting the ethics of the battlefield influence his daily conduct at home.

Fortunately, the memories of war fade a little. We only skirted the edges in 1945, but saw enough to make the blood run cold. There is no time or place "to reason why" if a war is to be won. Men in your church school classes could tell you the horror of it, if they dared, and if it would do any good.

Is Eichmann to be excused then, for "doing his duty"? We would go too far afield if we delved into the legal aspects of his trial and we know nothing about international law. We are thinking only of how one could excuse himself for deliberate destruction of human life, when the act was only remotely connected with prosecution of the war. There is a loose interpretation of duty, when the death of citizens not even suspected of any wrongdoing is demanded as the price for the preservation of a super-race.

There are several reasons why the United States is a great nation. Not the least reason is the attention we have given in our constitution, in our law

courts and in our interpretation of Christianity, to the worth of the individual. And what a variety of individuals we are—from every clime under heaven.

We have our potential Eichmanns, to be sure. Our mail and the journals we read would indicate that nearly every cultural group in America has at least one representative who feels it his duty to condemn all classes except his own. For example, a self-styled "Nazi" turns up at nearly every social flair-up, to see what he can do to help—to help his own cause.

The day will come when nations will not lift up swords, or missiles, against one another. If we don't believe that, we have already lost both the battle and the war. In the meantime, men and women will find themselves in the unhappy situation of having to defend their rights "by force of arms." Duty to one's country is also a matter of ethics.

Most of us will never face the issue Eichmann faced. Our governments would neither ask nor condone any such atrocities. If a nation does ask it, it is better to serve God than man. Eichmann's duty to man cost millions of lives. If he had refused man and done his duty to God, it would have cost only one life—his own. This is the higher duty.

Social Ethics

THIS coming Tuesday will not be as exciting as the same day was a year ago. It should be. When voting day comes around in a democracy the least a citizen can do is to express his best judgment by marking a ballot. In this way we may help to offset the evil influence of the \$5 offers that are flooding the country under the guise of anti-communism, for any who can "prove" that this is a democracy.

It is becoming increasingly popular to say that the church should "convert" individuals, ground them solidly in Christian principles, and turn them out in the world where they will make Christian decisions in all their social relations. It is our conviction that the church needs to do more.

For this reason we have several well-known members of our churches writing in today's issue of *The Christian* about ways in which we can put our religion to work in society. They merit careful attention.

If I Wanted to Destroy My Country

by James A. Crain

I DON'T want to destroy my country. I love her and I want to see her strong to achieve the goals of our Founding Fathers. But I do not want to see her standing still as if she were back in the middle of the eighteenth century—or any other century, for that matter. But if I did want to soften her up for eventual conquest of some alien ideology, I think I know some things I would do.

First of all, I would plant seeds of suspicion among our people wherever I could. I would try to destroy their confidence in each other and in the integrity and loyalty of their leaders.

I would oppose all progressive legislation and brand it as a betrayal of the nation's basic principles.

Undermine the Church

Since more than half of the people of the United States are connected with some church or religious organization, I would try to undermine their faith in the integrity and loyalty of influential church leaders—well-known clergymen, bishops, and administrative leaders. I would attack them as being communistic. I would never leave myself open to legal action by outrightly declaring that they are Com-

Dr. Crain, who is now engaged in the work of the interim minister, retired several years ago as Executive Secretary of the Department of Christian Action and Community Service of The United Christian Missionary Society.

munists—saying that they are communistic or socialistic would do the job.

I would attack every sermon, every statement of a church convention, synod or assembly, with which I did not agree, as being a part of the Communist propaganda machine. I could count on a lot of people believing it just because I said it. Especially would I direct my fire against local, state, national councils of churches and the World Council of Churches. They are further removed from the local scene and hence more vulnerable. I count on people not knowing all the facts about their pronouncements.

And I would never give both sides of the question. I would only make allegations and support them by allegations of others no more reliable than myself. I would try to make people believe the very foundations of their faith were being betrayed by their trusted leaders.

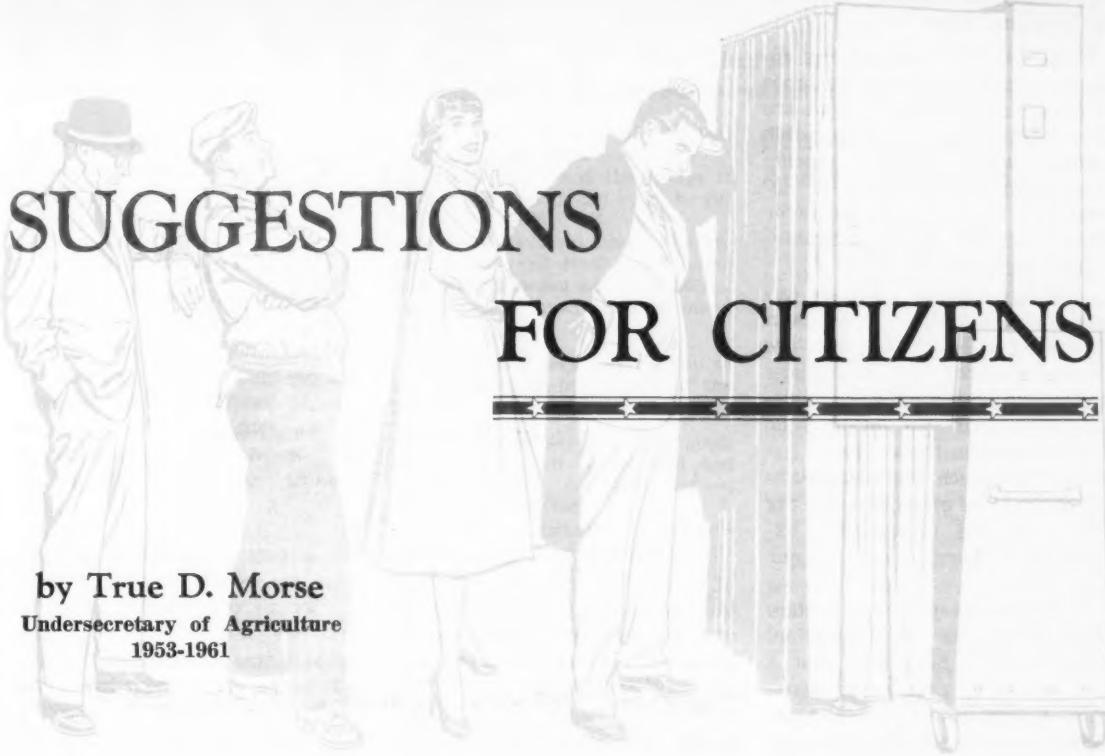
I would direct my fire against the public schools and against prominent college professors. If I could cause people to lose confidence in their system of public education, if I could convince them that some of the textbooks their children are studying are subversive (they were selected by our own textbook committees, of course), and if I could put the label of subversion on administrators and teachers, I would have it made.

Weaken the Government

One thing more. I would try to weaken the people's faith in their government and its institutions. I would attack every piece of legislation with which I did not agree as having been motivated by sinister influences and enacted for ulterior purposes. I would question the integrity of the Supreme Court and the acts of the subordinate judiciary, knowing that when people lose confidence in their courts then we are on the road to revolution and anarchy.

Of course, people who do these things do not intend to destroy our country. Many of them sincerely, if mistakenly, believe that they are defending it. But whoever undermines people's faith in each other and in the institutions of our society are just as surely helping to weaken it as if they intended to do so. When we lose consensus—the ability to come to a common mind on important matters—we are wide open to real subversion.

No institution, no individual is exempt from legitimate criticism. But criticism should be constructive—not negative—and should be directed toward remedial action, not merely fault-finding. And criticism should be supported by facts—all the facts obtainable—and both sides should be given. Let us remember the admonition of Paul—"Test everything; hold fast what is good." (1 Thess. 5:21.)



SUGGESTIONS FOR CITIZENS

by True D. Morse

Undersecretary of Agriculture
1953-1961

BE ACTIVE in politics. You dare not do otherwise. We must not abdicate—and leave our government in the hands of others—who often want power for selfish reasons.

♦ Be vigilant and active in helping guide your government. You dare not do otherwise. There are plenty of people ready and eager to govern you—in a way that will serve their special interests. You dare not abdicate to them.

♦ Help nominate able and objective people in the primaries. It is the only way to insure that good people will be elected regardless of the outcome of the election.

♦ Work hard to nominate and

elect people of staunch character and unquestioned integrity. They will need such to be fortified against pressures and temptations in office.

♦ Insist that only able and qualified people of character be appointed or employed in government. Help your officials to know if the applicants are "political hacks" or weak and lacking in experience and the other needed qualifications.

You would be shocked to know how often you get recommendations and pressures from respected people to name unqualified and even dishonest people to run your government. I could cite case after case to show you examples of pressures put on to get us to appoint people who had not suc-

ceeded in private life—or even people of questionable reputation. The character of our government will not be stronger than the standards and integrity of the officials we elect and appoint.

The United States is a great and powerful nation because dedicated Christian men and women have given it leadership. It can continue great and be built stronger by seeing that only people of high principles and character are elected and appointed to office.

♦ Be willing to serve in government, and help make it possible for your employees and associates to serve.

♦ Encourage the right kind of people to stand for election or accept appointment in positions in government.

Equally important — stand squarely back of the efforts of such people when they do take governmental responsibility. Don't neglect to let them know how much you appreciate them

Mr. Morse was an elder in Union Avenue Christian Church, St. Louis, during his years of service as head of Doane Agricultural Service. In his Washington years, he was an elder in National City Christian Church. This article is adapted from an address delivered to the St. Louis Rotary Club, and printed by the Alton Box Board Company, where Mr. Morse is now assistant to the president.

when they stand solidly for what is good and right.

♦ Be vigilant in supplying information and guidance to those serving in government. What are the facts? What do responsible people want? Should specific legislation be supported—or defeated? What regulations or other actions are desirable—which are unsound?

Postage is cheap. Letters can and should usually be short. Even telephone calls or telegrams are cheap compared with the damage which bad legislation or administrative actions can do to your business and to the nation.

Certainly such are cheap compared with the ever-mounting tax load—and the unnecessary expenditures being made by our government.

I can assure you your letters and calls make an impression. Many times I have seen just a few letters or calls cause Senators, Congressmen or other officials to change their attitude—or consider more carefully proposals before them.

♦ See that able and objective representatives of your business, professions and organizations are kept in Washington to assist those serving in Congress and the Executive branch of the government to know the facts and what appears right and best.

Wherever you meet up with or contact governmental employees, offer your cooperation and encouragement—and make information available that will help them to serve best in the public interest.

♦ Be alert to the pressure activities of groups seeking to force through unsound legislation and unnecessary expenditures. Be willing to join in building up the counter pressures necessary to enable both elected and appointed officials to stand up against activities that are not in the public interest. This kind of support is especially important for elected officials who are naturally sensitive to possible loss of votes in the next election.

Tragedy Will Not Wait

by Durward V. Sandifer

... We live at a great divide in human history. Man through the use of his God-given talents of curiosity and intelligence has unlocked the secrets of nature. He has within his power the capacity to extend to all mankind a good life beyond anything before dreamed of. With the same handful of energy he can turn this planet into a sarcophagus for the human race.

Standing at this divide there is no inevitability about the direction which will be taken. There is a possibility of choice. We can move forward to history's highest fulfillment, or we can descend to destruction and oblivion. There is not only a possibility of choice. There is an inescapable obligation to choose—and the time for choice grows steadily shorter.

Tragedy will not wait. Time is inexorable. But the event lies in the choice we make and the effort we are prepared to expend. My question to you is—can we and the free society of which we

are a part meet the challenge? The one great tragedy that I foresee in the making today is that we fail to recognize the lethal forces of destruction with which we are surrounded. . . . Can we be brought to identify the hydra-headed problems of our revolutionary world and to deal with them in timely fashion? . . .

Communist Revolution Foremost

First and foremost is the communist revolution. A common mistake is to think of that revolution as something that occurred at a fixed point in time in the now distant past. In truth it is a continuing revolution even more deadly now in its disintegrating impact on other societies than at the time it was launched.

Without this aggressively rampant revolution at large we could probably safely absorb over a period of time the shock of the other revolutionary forces confronting us. With its relentlessly destructive determinism added to the explosive force of other revolutions the instability of the international society approaches unmanageable proportions.

For communism seeks nothing less than world domination and this is no figure of speech. It is a deadly fact attested to by most of the expert students of communist philosophy. . . .

Before his recent retirement, Dr. Sandifer served more than 30 years as a career diplomat in U.S. State Department. He is an Eureka College graduate, a former professor of English there, and this article was taken from the 1961 Commencement address which he gave at the college.

NEWS

The Church at Large



Prophetic Sermon At K.C. Assembly

Milk and Honey Or Silk and Money?

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Instead of being a land of milk and honey, a spiritual homeland, America has become a land of silk and money, catering to the desires of the body, the annual assembly of the International Convention of Christian Churches was told here Oct. 3.

Gilford E. Olmsted, pastor of Countryside Christian Church at Mission, Kan., entreated his audience to stand against world evils, as Christians, and work to preserve mankind.

In a sermon which caused many comments of praise for its prophetic impact, Mr. Olmsted said: "The church must help modern man break the stranglehold of so-called realism before he realistically manages to do away with himself."

Two areas of powerful temptation in the continuing conflict of good and evil are "bodies" and "bombs"

Olmsted pointed out. He termed them "modern Baals."

Listing money and the things it will buy as evils of the body, he remarked:

"Wealth produces more variety and quantity of stuff and leisure. It is habit forming and demanding; much seems always to demand more."

Olmsted said crass exploitation of sex in American life is part of the lowering of American standards.

"God created sex and it is good, but he created it to be used and enjoyed within carefully defined limits," he asserted.

Olmsted questioned mankind's right to have a destiny, when its most competent minds and the biggest chunk of its economic strength continue to be dedicated to means of destruction and retaliation.

"Strong temptation exists for Christians to accommodate themselves to the glamor, prestige and status which are promised to the worshippers of the modern Baals, and thus join the majority," he admitted.

Christians need not fear the minority, he said, for outside the Christian minority there is no hope.

Secretary of Army Assembly Speaker



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SECRETARY OF THE ARMY Elvis J. Stahr (center) addressed a men's meeting in connection with the International Convention Assembly in Kansas City. He is shown in a huddle with Perry E. Gresham, president of Bethany College (left), and William H. McKinney, executive secretary of The United Christian Missionary Society's department of men's work. Gresham was convention president.

Council Backing UN And Kennedy's Plea

NEW YORK—A digest of President Kennedy's recent speech to the United Nations has been prepared by the National Council of Churches' Department of International Affairs and distributed to headquarters of the NCC's 33 member communions and state and local councils of churches.

An introduction to the digest notes that the "constructive initiatives in this address are parallel to major official positions of the National Council" and calls on member Churches to give the policies in the speech "all appropriate support."

The digest gives direct quotations from the President's speech on the subjects of strengthening the United Nations, disarmament, the peaceful use of space, colonialism, and the Berlin and Laos situations.

He announced that a telegram had been sent to President Kennedy informing him of the distribution of the speech digest.

The telegram commended the President for his proposal for a "peace race" instead of a "war race" and his "firmness" concerning freedom of access to West Berlin.

"Your challenging, carefully balanced address to the United Nations General Assembly gave important leads for broad, non-partisan backing by informed citizens and groups for support of a stronger U.N. and the [other] constructive initiatives you proposed," the message said.

It "rejoiced" that the President had "committed our nation to the achievement of general and complete disarmament within the framework of the U.N."

Liquor Sale Aloft

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Sale of liquor to coach passengers aboard planes will be discontinued under an agreement signed here by representatives of the nation's major airlines.

The agreement stipulates that coach passengers will hereafter be charged for food served on aircraft to compensate for the loss of the liquor revenue.

Before the agreement can become effective, however, it must be approved by the Civil Aeronautics Board. It applies only to coach, and not first-class passengers.

Communication Prayer by Editor and Publisher

NEW YORK (RNS)—*Editor & Publisher*, trade journal of the newspaper profession, devoted the lead editorial of its Oct. 24 issue to a prayer asking Divine guidance upon "all those who are involved in communicating the printed word."

Written expressly for *Newspaper Week*, the prayer was composed in the form of a plea to God that newspapers continue to dedicate themselves to "accuracy, clarity, thoroughness and completeness," and that the public recognize and respect the press's "crying out against the infringement of individual and collective liberties."

"Protect forever the basic freedom of communication, dear Lord," the prayer said. "For the heritage of truth that is entrusted to our American press, dear God of truth, I pray gratefully. During this period when our newspapers are under special scrutiny help each reader to discern and to appreciate that the press is truly a Frontier of Freedom, alert to community, national and world problems...."

The prayer—like some 7,000 others over 20 years—was written

by Oxie Reichler, editor of the Yonkers (N.Y.) *Herald-Statesman*. Nineteen papers in New York State and Michigan publish his 50-to-60-word nondenominational prayers, seven days a week, on editorial and magazine-type pages.

Blitz Church Census

COLUMBUS, OHIO—With the help of 10,000 volunteers from 19 denominations, the Columbus Area Council of Churches conducted a one-day "blitz" census to compile one of the most complete religious profiles done on a Midwestern city in recent years.

Results of the survey showed that 69.5 per cent of the area population is Protestant; Catholic, 19.5 per cent; Jewish, 1 per cent; no preference, 9.5 per cent; and miscellaneous, .5 per cent.

Heads Church Women



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UCW PRESIDENT. Mrs. Theodore F. Wallace of Kansas City, Mo., was elected president of the United Church Women at the organization's ninth national assembly in Miami Beach, Fla. She succeeds Mrs. William Sale Terrell of West Hartford, Conn., as head of the UCW. A member of the United Church of Christ, Mrs. Wallace is the wife of a businessman and the mother of two college-age daughters.

Among United Church Women Delegates



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CHURCH WOMEN from many parts of the world were among the 2,000 delegates who gathered in Miami Beach for the ninth annual assembly of the United Church Women, a general department of the National Council of Churches. Women from abroad participated in panel discussions which emphasized the importance of united Christian efforts to meet social problems and communism in their countries. Among the foreign representatives were (from left): Mrs. Donald M'Timkulu of Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia; Mrs. T. C. Ouyang of Taiwan; Mrs. Gloria M. Santos of the Philippines; Mrs. Lily Chen of Taiwan; Miss Gudrun Diestel of Germany; Mrs. Tanimi Ogunlesi of Nigeria; Miss Helen Afare of Ghana; and Mrs. Lavinia Sadiq of India.

500,000 in Family Rosary Crusade in Frisco

Big Roman Rally

SAN FRANCISCO—What was described as the "largest religious gathering ever to take place in the United States"—a throng of more than 500,000 persons—jammed San Francisco's Golden Gate Park for a rally of the Family Rosary Crusade.

The attendance of 500,000-plus more than doubled the previous record attendance of a Family Rosary Crusade rally in the U.S.—the 224,000 reported at St. Paul, Minn., two years ago.

Heads S. Cal. Council

LOS ANGELES—Dr. Forrest C. Weir of Los Angeles was named the first full-time general secretary of the Southern California Council of Churches here. For the last 11 years he served in that post and as executive secretary of the Church Federation of Los Angeles on a part-time basis.

The present Southern California council represents 1,400 congregations in ten counties in this state and Nevada, with a total membership of nearly 1,000,000 persons.



MISSIONARIES JAILED. Four American Methodist missionaries have been arrested and jailed by Portugal's secret police in strife-torn Angola, the board of missions of The Methodist Church announced here. The Portuguese government did not list the charges against them. The missionaries are: top row, Edwin LeMaster of Lexington, Ky., left; and Marion Way, Jr., of Charleston, S.C., right; bottom row, Fred Brancel of Endeavor, Wis., left; and Wendell Lee Golden of Rockford, Ill., right.



IN MEMORIAM. Delegates bow their heads in silent tribute to the memory of Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold at the opening of the 16th General Assembly of the United Nations. On the dais are outgoing President Frederick H. Boland of Ireland, at left, and UN Undersecretary Andrew Cordier. The empty secretary general's chair is at the left side of the dais. Mr. Hammarskjold died in the crash of a UN plane in Northern Rhodesia while en route to talks on the Congo crisis.

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IN FOCUS

The Church at Large

RELIEF IN HONG KONG. Representatives of Lutheran World Service hand out clothing to children and adults as a part of the Lutheran relief program in Hong Kong. The clothing distribution is especially important in winter because of the poor housing conditions on the crowded island. Lutheran World Service is the relief agency of the Lutheran World Federation.



HURRICANE VICTIMS — Protestant churches, themselves hard-hit by Hurricane Carla and two tornadoes, offered relief to hundreds in Louisiana and Texas. Above, evacuees are shown as they were barracked in a gymnasium at Kaplan, La. Reports from Louisiana and Texas revealed that Protestant churches played a major role in alleviating suffering caused by the storms.



NEWS IN BRIEF

INTEGRATION-EXODUS

NEW ORLEANS—Because it would "be less than realistic to say otherwise," a Roman Catholic educator here said he believed an exodus of students from parochial schools would follow if the schools were integrated.

Msgr. Henry C. Bezou, archdiocesan school superintendent, also said that token integration is not effective integration.

The parochial school position was made clear last year by Archbishop Joseph Francis Rummel of New Orleans. He said that Roman Catholic school integration "will take place when public school integration has been effectively carried out."

NEW STATE RELIGION

RANGOON, BURMA—The establishment of Buddhism as the state re-

ligion of Burma was assured here when the Chamber of Nationalities, the nation's upper legislative house, endorsed the government bill by a vote of 100 to 15.

Action of the Chamber of Nationalities followed the earlier vote of the Chamber of Deputies, the lower house, which had approved the state religion measure by a vote of 220 to 15.

TV RELIGION COURSE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A new college credit course in religion—"An Introduction to the New Testament"—will be presented this year over television here by American University in cooperation with the National Capital Area Council of Churches.

EDITOR APPOINTED

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Appointment of James Daane of Los Angeles,

Calif., as associate editor of *Christianity Today*, conservative Protestant bi-weekly, has been announced here.

Dr. Daane has been pastor of the First Christian Reformed Church of Los Angeles. He will fill the position vacated by James DeForest Murch, who retired.

CHICAGO CRUSADE

CHICAGO—The exact dates of the Billy Graham crusade here have been set for May 30-July 1, 1962, according to Walter H. Smyth of the Graham team who opened the crusade offices here.

TV ANNIVERSARY

ST. LOUIS—"This Is the Life," a 30-minute filmed TV dramatic series produced by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, entered its 10th anniversary year with an estimated 10,000,000 weekly viewers over 300 stations, denominational headquarters announced here.

When introduced in 1952 over six stations, "This Is the Life" was a pioneer in the dramatic format for religious programs. It has been on the air perhaps longer than any other 30-minute filmed dramatic series.



Thoughts in the Night

By Frank Johnson Pippin

The Shape the Day Takes

IT IS particularly and almost uniquely true of a minister that he never knows what shape his day will take. However well he may outline his work for the morrow, it is a certainty, with rare exceptions, that he will not have an opportunity to carry it through as scheduled on his writing pad or in his mind and deep desire. (At the end of the day I usually make a "must" list for tomorrow.)

After breakfast the minister proceeds to his study to begin the day he had planned so well. He is to open his mail. He is to pick up his hospital calls and make them by noon or soon after lunch; he is to have a staff conference at 2:00; he is to write three or four more paragraphs on his sermon from 2:30 to 3:30; he is to answer the ten letters in his basket from 3:30 to 4:00; and he is to see two families in trouble from 4:00 to 5:00. On the way home he has promised to drop by for a visit with an aging faithful shut-in. A full day for which he has girded himself with a prayer for strength and guidance.

By 9:10 A.M., however, Mrs. A has called for an answer to a question about last Sunday's sermon. Mrs. B has called to ask whether the minister knows that Mr. C was in an accident on the Kansas Turnpike the night before. She thinks he is in St. Luke's hospital and is not expected to live. Mr. D would like to drop by before lunch and talk with the minister briefly about an idea he has. "It will take just fifteen minutes."

Mrs. E wishes to see the minister at 10:30 A.M. about a study she is making on our senior citizens. A young couple, just starting out, is broke and would

like to borrow some money from the welfare fund. The president of a service club wants to know if the minister can speak today at noon on "Citizenship and Communism," inasmuch as the scheduled speaker has a virus and called to say he couldn't make it. A funeral home is waiting to find out whether a graveside service can be managed at 4:30. The body was shipped from Denver and there are no survivors. A TV station would like a morning meditation taped at 2:00; the studio is not available at any other time. Mr. X is downstairs; it's his day off and he just thought he'd drop by and loaf with the minister for a spell. Could he come up?

So the minister looks over the neat list of the night before, tears it off the pad, kisses it goodbye, and gently drops it into the wastepaper basket.

Like Mark Twain's autobiography, the little gurgling stream bends here to make a detour, runs straight there for a hundred yards, curves around a patch of lichen rock, hurtles its splashing silver breast over a spate of shoals, seemingly going nowhere, but singing saucily just the same. The meandering brook appears to be interested in neither direction nor destination. But it does come out somewhere. It finally finishes its journey to the sea.

And this offers some comfort to the minister on the shape his day takes. He can lie down sometimes weary and often confused and a little discouraged, but with the bright hope that his day did come out somewhere in the economy of God, who designed and directed the springing and the flowing of the brook in the Rockies.

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Growth Through Stewardship



"Where the Scriptures Speak . . ." by the Editor

MEMORY SELECTION: I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1.)

A LESSON that has the word "stewardship" in it has two strikes against it before you begin. It is unfortunate that this is true in the Christian Church, but I am afraid it is. Stewardship means only money in some people's vocabulary. And money is a sacred thing to them and they are not going to let anybody else talk about it to them, or with them.

On the other hand, the word stewardship does have something to do with money, *among other things*. Some people will be so anxious not to disturb anyone and not to let some member of the class usurp all the time by fussing about his pet peeve against tithing that they will refrain from even mentioning the word money during the whole class session.

With this sort of a pessimistic introduction, we will look at the text for today and see if we can find any new insight into the requirements which our Lord has for us. On the surface, it seems like a parable which is easy to understand even if we do not apply it as well as we know how. There are a few points which may not seem to fit when they are applied to Jesus Christ and the life of a Christian but a parable is told for one purpose. We do not have to make all the separate expressions apply to something.

Whether the situation is one that would ordinarily happen, I

do not know. Perhaps it would have been lived in actual experience. A rich man gave money to three of his servants when he was going on a journey, "to each according to his ability" (Matthew 25:15). Nothing is said about any instructions that went along with the money. It was not a gift. It was "entrusted" to the three servants.

If you think about this point, in terms of our own experience, nothing that we have is really ours. It is entrusted to us by God. This generalization applies even to life itself. We have no right to do with our life as we choose for it does not belong to us. It belongs to God. This is a solemn responsibility which the Creator has laid upon us.

It is also made quite clear that the man with the property realized that all his servants did not have the same ability. Therefore, he did not give them the same amount of property with which to deal while he was gone. However, he did recognize some ability in each one of them. If the fellow who received the one talent did not appear to have any ability at all, he would not have been given anything at all with which to trade.

Two of the servants pleased their master by doubling the amount of money given in to their possession. As a result he was pleased to give them greater responsibility (verses 21, 23).

When we see what happened to the third fellow we begin to

INTERNATIONAL UNIFORM SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 12, 1960

The Scripture

Matthew 25:14-29

14 "For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. 17 So too, he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent, went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And he also who had

the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away.'

get at the heart of the meaning of the parable. He had buried his money in the ground and had a most ingenious story for the master when he returned. We might think that he would have been afraid to tell his master what he really thought about him (verse 24). The master accepted the accusation of being a hard man (verse 26) and took away the talent from him.

Looking back at the arrangement which was made at the outset we notice again that money was given to each one of the three servants "according to his ability." This is the point. The man who received one talent had the ability, in the opinion of his master, to handle one talent and produce something with it. He was not criticized upon the return of his master, for not having as much as the others had. He was condemned for not having used the talent which he had to good advantage.

We have not said anything about this word "talent." It is a word that designates an

amount of money but I don't know any way to make it comparable to our system today. Sometimes it is said to equate \$1,000. It would all depend upon what year you were speaking about and what the buying power of a dollar was in that particular year. It is sufficient to say that it was a large amount of money, probably more than either one of the servants in that situation could ever have expected in his own right.

It is also interesting that the word "talent" in the English language has come to be a general word for ability. That makes it easy to talk about this parable in terms of Christian work and service. We say that everyone ought to use his talents to the fullest extent. This, in a way, is an assumption that each person has a different kind of talent and perhaps a different amount.

We all have money, some money. We all have ability to think, write, speak, pray, work, fellowship and serve in some degree. Whether we are living up

to our capacities in these various aspects of life is the real issue. How do you go about deciding which talent you will use and how much of your ability you will give to your Master? Do you apportion your time and ability and if so, do you include Christ and the Church first or last?

The two servants in the parable were not only complimented for their work. They were given greater responsibility with greater joy. In other words there is, as our subject has it, growth through stewardship. The mind and the body grow as they are used and they decay if they are not used. So it is with talents in ancient times or talents today. It is a pitiful sight to see a church member decay because his Christian ability is not being used. Sometimes this is financial, quite often it is along other lines. It is a glorious sight to see a Christian increasing the talent that has been given him in preparation for the coming of his Master.



Meaning for Today

by Jack E. Barker

IN THE plan of God for the development of life it is surely intended that persons should mature to the kind of high degree of selflessness and sacrificial spirit that characterized Jesus' life.

Now the faith that underlies such a life, and the dedication that is shown, does not come immediately upon conversion. These are products of a growth process which God intends every person to experience. Growth in churchmanship, with an increasing understanding of the great programs of evangelism, education and enrichment that a congregation seeks to carry on within its local fellowship and to help support even in the far

corners of the world, certainly leads one to grow in his commitment to God as one sees the significance of his own contributions to these programs.

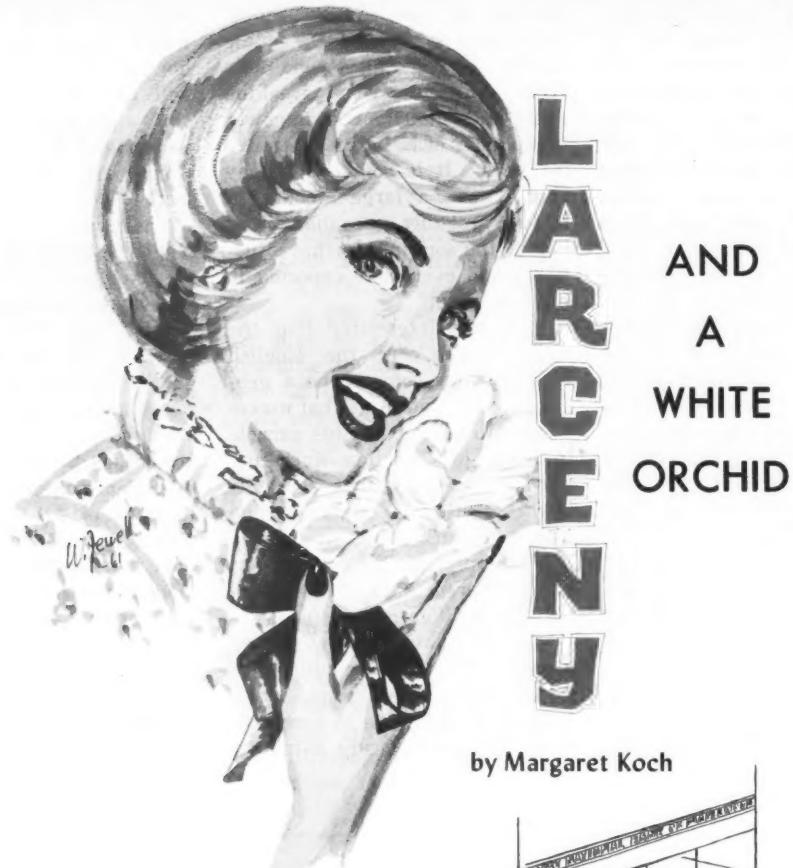
Growth in benevolence comes as one informs himself regarding the plight of other people and has the insistent heartfelt demand to be of help.

Stewardship, in the sense of bringing money offerings to God's altar, is only one expression of the life of dedication. But one must not underestimate the importance of this expression. Money stands as a great symbol of life. We trade our days and skills for money earned in our vocations. Thus, giving money is a major means by which we give

our lives.

More than that, our money is a means by which we can transport and transform our abilities and powers to achieve God's purposes. Money given transforms man's abilities into those particularly needed for some given service and transports it to the area of need. Thus, a farmer's dollars transport a missionary to India who in turn does a preaching and healing ministry the farmer does not have the qualifications to do.

The process of growth presumes a beginning time and place and there is a sense in which today is our beginning time and where we are is our beginning place. Perhaps it will be a beginning of a whole new life lived in this concept of stewardship of life under God, or it may be the new beginning of a deeper quality of commitment to God. However it comes the beginning must be made if growth is to take place!



I AM a conscience, a very good one if I say so myself. I belong to Robert Michaels, an average American insurance salesman in an average American company. Approaching thirty, his slightly graying hair gives a distinguished look to his youthful face. At the moment, unfortunately, his hair seems to be turning even more gray.

As he was driving to work this morning, the driver behind him failed to stop for a red light. Needless to say, this was not good for the back end of his car.

Although the damage was not hard to repair, the bill was appallingly high. Now he has real problems facing him. Listen, and you'll find out about them.

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"Of all the days for a thing like this to happen, why today? I'm really in a mess now. I have a luncheon appointment with J. J. King at noon, which gives me exactly five minutes to get there.

"It would really be wonderful if I could get him to sign with the company—but every minute I'm

late, my chances get slimmer. And that's not the worst part. The guy that hit me this morning wasn't insured. Because I had to pay for the car being fixed, there won't be enough money left to take Helen out to dinner tonight and it's our fifth wedding anniversary.

"If I really pinch pennies the rest of the month, I might be able to afford the dinner and the baby sitter, but I won't possibly be able to buy Helen that white orchid she wants so much. Hey, Conscience, what about that big,

prosperous bank over there? I wish I could just walk in and take the money I need. Say, that gives me an idea . . ."

"Why, Bob, I'm surprised at you! How could you think of such a thing? That's stealing!"

"But, Conscience, you know how much I need the money. Helen will be so disappointed if she doesn't get that orchid."

"Helen wouldn't like if she knew her orchid was paid for with stolen money, would she?"

"How would she find out? Besides, I can return the money later. Now, how can I go about the robbery without being caught?"

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That's the way with us consciences; nobody ever listens to us!

It's now evening and we're on our way home from work. Bob's pretty preoccupied—still thinks robbing the bank is the only way to get the money he needs. The luncheon date went well and I think soon he will be getting a new customer, J. J. King. He's in a confident mood, so confident, in fact, that just before he left the office, he phoned the florist and ordered a white orchid for tonight.

We have just arrived home. To Bob's relief, his wife is out shopping and probably will not get back for at least half an hour. This means he will have more time to plan the robbery. He's beginning to get scared, I can tell, because I keep being shaken up and down by his nerves. "What will I do if Helen comes home too soon? What if I get caught? What will Stevie think of me?" These are the thoughts that keep whirling through his mind. Suddenly he realizes he must get it over with. He must do it now before he loses his nerve.

... Maybe I'm not such a good conscience after all, for in spite of all my protests, he's standing up, walking firmly into the room of his three-year-old son, picking up a large pink china pig and shaking five dollars out of it!

THE WALKING BIBLE

by

Ronald E. Osborn

John Henry was a pioneer preacher (first a Baptist, then a Disciple) on the Western Reserve (in Ohio); it was he who offered the motion for the dissolution of the Mahoning Baptist Association in 1830. He served the Austintown Church and is buried in the churchyard. This poem incorporates some of the stories about him.

John Henry played nine instruments
And fought his country's foes like sin.
As major-of-the-regiments-
For-music, with his shrilling fife
He drilled militia for the strife.
(His heart preferred the violin.)

Through all the farms of Austintown
Among Ohio's pioneers
John Henry travelled up and down;
An elder of the Church of Christ,
He gladly served (his work unpriced),
Esteemed as teacher of his peers.

John Henry loved the Word of God,
Brought its plain message to his folk
As sturdy staff or chastening rod;
His knowledge of the Book won fame,
"The Walking Bible" was his name.
Singing he bore the meek Christ's yoke.

He called upon his rugged saints
Who always filled the puncheon pews,
Heard the backsliders' old complaints;
He found one laggard in his search:
"My brother, you were not at church."
In shame he said, "I have no shoes."

The elder eyed his brother man.
Bare feet were common in those days,
Though not at church; he formed a plan:
"My friend, this very Saturday
A deacon shall bring boots. You may
This Lord's Day give your God the praise."

The First Day dawned, the worshippers
Foregathered at the Mercy-seat.
John Henry took a Scripture verse,
And as he preached the simple Word
His neighbors' love and wonder stirred:
He stood before them in bare feet!

They bowed in reverence profound
To pray with penitential sighs:
The pulpit floor was holy ground.
Their log church silenced to a hush,
While as of old the burning bush
Blazed up before their wondering eyes.

Dr. Osborn is dean of Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Ind.

NEWS

of the Brotherhood

Citation to President Of the Christian Board

ST. LOUIS (Special)—A citation was presented to Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet, president of the Christian Board of Publication, from the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, for his "outstanding contribution to the life and literature of the Disciples of Christ."

Presented at a dinner meeting of the DCHS held in Kansas City at the time of the International Convention Assembly, the citation described Dr. Cramblet as "a dynamic publisher, an enlightened educator, an imaginative stimulator of authors, and a tireless administrator."

Attention was called to President Cramblet's support of the project of microfilming old copies of *THE CHRISTIAN* (formerly *The Christian Evangelist*) and to his "persistent leadership" in the preparation of a comprehensive index of the mag-

azine. The citation was formally given by Perry E. Gresham, president of the International Convention of Christian Churches (1960-1961).

Speaker for the dinner meeting was Editor Howard E. Short of *THE CHRISTIAN*, who praised the work of the Disciples' Historical Society and urged that careful attention be given to the proper consideration of "what constitutes historical materials that should be preserved."

Going to New Delhi

ST. LOUIS—It was reported here that two more Disciples will attend the third assembly of the World Council of Churches in New Delhi Nov. 18-Dec. 6.

In addition to those whose names were published in last week's issue of *THE CHRISTIAN*, Harold E. Fey and Mrs. Charles C. Goodwin will attend. Dr. Fey is editor of *The Christian Century*.

This brings the total Disciples' representation to 35.

Christian Foundation Grant

\$100,000 to CTS

For Salaries in Decade

INDIANAPOLIS—A \$100,000 grant to be used solely for faculty salaries has been received by Christian Theological Seminary.

The Christian Foundation grant authorized its officers to "offer to Christian Theological Seminary a grant of \$100,000 to be totally spent within a ten-year period and to be used solely for the purpose of increasing faculty salaries generally."

By earlier action, the Foundation committed all its resources to the support of CTS.

Killed in Copter Crash

CHICAGO (Bulletin)—Henry Van Der Marel, 30, elder and chairman of the board of the new United Christian Church, Country Club Hills, Ill., was killed in the crash of a helicopter delivering suburban mail Oct. 4.

R. A. Long Memorialized at Assembly



R. A. LONG, founder of the Christian Board of Publication and a well-known laymen who gave leadership to the Men and Millions Movement among the Christian Churches and made substantial contributions to various national and international causes, was memorialized at a session of the International Convention Assembly when President Perry Epler Gresham (right) presented Mr. Long's daughter, Mrs. Loula Long Combs, with a memorial plaque in honor of her father. Also shown (from left) are: Will Sessions, pastor of Independence Boulevard Christian Church; Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet, president of the Christian Board; and William H. McKinney, executive secretary of The United Christian Missionary Society's department of men's work.

ATTS Executive Speaker at Drake Meeting



DR. CHARLES L. TAYLOR, executive secretary of the American Association of Theological Schools (left), was the speaker at the annual meeting of the Drake University Divinity School National Alumni Association which was held at the time of the Assembly of the International Convention of Christian Churches in Kansas City. He is shown conversing with Dr. Henry G. Harmon, president of Drake University, and Mrs. Harmon. James M. Flanagan, the associate editor of "The Christian," was re-elected president of the Alumni Association. Dean John McCaw introduced special guests and faculty.

Brotherhood News

**Wayne Greene, Oregon Pastor,
Accepts UCMS Call**

Men's Work Department Has New Representative



Wayne A. Greene

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Wayne A. Greene, pastor of First Christian Church, Salem, Ore., has been appointed a general representative of the Department of Men's Work of The United Christian Missionary Society.

He has resigned his pastorate in Salem and begins his new duties with the men's department this month. He fills a vacancy on the staff which has existed for several months.

Mr. Greene will be engaged in full-time work, teaching in institutes and conferences on men's work, speaking in retreats, rallies, conventions and local churches and in the development of materials for use by men's groups as they support the total work of the church.

Since 1954 Mr. Greene has served the Salem church. He had previously held pastorates in Kearney, Neb. (1929-1937); Liberty, Mo. (1937-1942); and Beatrice, Neb. (1942-1954).

A 1927 graduate of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, he has received the B.A., B.D. and the honorary D.D. degrees at Drake.

For the Christian Churches he was a member of the Commission on Brotherhood Finance from 1950 to 1958, a member of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society, chairman of the stewardship committee of the Oregon Society, chairman of the Unified Promotion committee of Oregon, vice-president of OCMS for three years and chairman of the pro-

gram committee for the Oregon Christian Convention in 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Greene have two grown children.

Dowdy Heads Board Of Higher Education

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Barton A. Dowdy, dean of the Christian College of Georgia in Athens, was elected chairman of the Board of Higher Education of the Disciples of Christ.

The 47th annual meeting of the agency was held here just prior to the opening of the Assembly of the International Convention of Christian Churches.

Other officers elected by the Board of Higher Education are: Hunter Beckelhymer, minister of the Christian Church of Hiram, Ohio, vice-chairman; and Raphael H. Miller, Jr., minister of East Side Christian Church, Evansville, Ind., treasurer.

Other members of the executive committee are Stephen J. England, dean of The Graduate Seminary, Phillips University, Enid, Okla.; Irvin E. Lunger, president of Transylvania College in Lexington, Ky.; and Mrs. Paul Keckley of Columbus, Ohio.

Harlie L. Smith of Indianapolis, Ind., was named to his 12th year as president of the Board of Higher Education.

In other action, the agency elected to its membership the New Haven Disciples House and Center in New Haven, Conn.

Fraternal Delegates

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—A couple from Glasgow, Scotland, was presented as fraternal delegates of the British Churches of Christ to the International Convention Assembly of Christian Churches.

They were Mr. and Mrs. William Arthur, members of the Coplaw Street Church of Christ in Glasgow.

A mathematics professor at the University of Glasgow for 40 years, Mr. Arthur is R. A. Long Professor of Mathematics at Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va., for 1961-62. He was visiting professor of mathematics at Bethany during the 1960-61 school year.

The senior elder in the Coplaw Street Church, Arthur was president of the Annual Conference of Churches of Christ in Great Britain and Ireland in 1958.

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Atkins, Rural Minister Of Year, Recognized

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Harry V. Atkins of Dufur, Ore., was recognized before the annual assembly of the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) for his "outstanding and worthwhile contribution toward betterment of rural life."

Last spring he was named National "Rural Minister of the Year" among the Christian Churches by the Home and State Missions Planning Council.

Jack P. Bodard, director of the town and country church program of the Missouri Association of Christian Churches and the Missouri School of Religion, presented Atkins with a certificate.

Nominating Committee

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—A 15-member nominating committee for 1962 was elected by the Assembly of the International Convention of Christian Churches here.

The committee will nominate officers for election at the convention's Los Angeles assembly next fall.

Elected were: D. J. Bailey of Wainfleet, Ontario, Canada; Mrs. Lloyd (Lois) Cobb of Kansas City, Kan.; Dr. Lawrence O. Ely of Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. William K. Evans, Austin, Minn.; Gerald Flynn, Washington, D.C.; Harrywood Gray, Valdosta, Ga.; and Stanford Harper, Detroit, Mich.

Also LeRoy S. Hulan, Jackson, Miss.; Truce Lewellyn, Albuquerque, N.M.; James A. Lollis, Lexington, Ky.; and Forrest F. Reed, Nashville, Tenn.

And M. Elmo Stanford, Greensboro, N.C.; Mrs. Thomas Toler, Oakland, Calif.; James E. Whitaker, Longview, Wash.; and Mrs. Beulah Williams, Ogden, Utah.



ON LABOR SUNDAY, members of First Christian Church, Pontiac, Mich., came to the morning's services in their work clothes. The emphasis of the day was to point out that Christian teachings must be evident in our lives "on the job" as well as on Sunday. Coming into the church are: (from left) Rosco Hodge, barber; Sgt. Robert Cole, police officer; Joe Morgan, plumber; Denzil Flowers, building contractor; and Paul Coulton, printer. Jack H. C. Clark is pastor of the church.

News of the Brotherhood

BROADWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Princeton, Ind., recently held a ground-breaking service for a Christian education building. The new structure will cost about \$100,000 and completion is expected by next Easter. Participants in the service included (from left): Cargill Wilson, Sunday school superintendent; Joe Foster, building committee chairman; Frank Dasch, chairman of elders and deacons; Ralph Thomas, minister; Ross Dawkins, finance committee chairman; and Fred Stevens, vice chairman of the board of elders and deacons.



THE PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Dennison, Ohio, held ground-breaking services Aug. 20 for a \$60,000 education addition and remodeling program. The new unit will provide classrooms, minister's study, choir room, rest rooms and expansion for the present kitchen. Frank Schupp, board chairman, turned the first shovel of dirt. Others participating included (from right, foreground): Paul M. Porter, minister, Harry Henry, Murle Watt, Robert Bush, William Henry, James Watt, Earl Page and Richard Fisher.

IN FOCUS

ROEBUCK CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Birmingham, Ala., broke ground for its first unit which will cost about \$75,000. Organized two years ago the church now has over 100 members. Participants in the ground-breaking ceremony included (from left): Robert Hutchings, building committee chairman; Marshall D. Masters, minister; George Sewell, former board chairman; and Howard Johnston, present board chairman.



Roman Catholic University
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Chicago Disciples Union Protests Land Giveaway

CHICAGO—The Chicago Disciples Union has protested a proposed free-of-charge transfer of 79 acres of government-owned land in suburban Maywood to Loyola University, a Roman Catholic institution.

In a petition sent to U. S. Senate and House sponsors of the plan, William Barnett Blakemore, president of the Union and 20 other pastors and lay leaders of Disciples of Christ churches in this area charged that the transfer would involve "legislation intended to benefit one sectarian group."

Bills to authorize the transfer of property from Hines Veterans Administration Hospital to Loyola's Stritch School of Medicine for use as a medical center were introduced in Congress by Sen. Paul Douglas (D-Ill.), Sen. Everett Dirksen (R-Ill.) and Rep. Edward Finnegan (D-Ill.).

Many members of the Union, the petition said, "believe in complete separation of Church and State, and oppose any form of government aid to any church or church-sponsored service institution

"Those of our group who are not opposed to some governmental assistance to church-related service institutions are completely opposed to all assistance which is not obviously and openly just and equitable," the petition continued.

"No evidence of comparable grants to other church-related hospitals and medical service institutions is now

envisioned," it concluded.

A Loyola University spokesman said that VA officials here have said that such free transfers of government property have been made to other sectarian groups when this was considered to be in the public interest.

The Chicago Disciples Union represents 34 Chicago-area churches with about 31,000 members.

Teaches Sunday School For Listeners on Radio

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Mrs. Cecil N. Birkhead, member of Indiana Avenue Christian Church here, is the teacher for the "Sunday School Class of the Air" which is presented each Sunday morning over local Radio Station KLRP.

The Uniform Sunday School lessons are used so that shut-ins or persons traveling may hear the current lesson. Each Sunday some group is recognized as special listening guests.

Following the radio program Mrs. Birkhead teaches an adult class in her own Sunday School where her husband serves as superintendent.

Two Out-of-State White Women Tougaloo Students

"Reverse Integration"

JACKSON, MISS.—Tougaloo Southern Christian College, a Negro co-educational institution founded six years after the end of the Civil War, has opened its doors to two out-of-state white women.

A. D. Beittel, president of the college, which is supported by agen-

cies of the United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ, identified the two as Charlotte Phillips, of Roosevelt, N. J., a transfer student from Swarthmore (Pa.) College, and Joan Trumpower, of Washington, D. C., a transfer from Duke University and a convicted Freedom Rider.

Dr. Beittel, who is white, said the college, half of whose faculty is white, had previously permitted the children of white faculty and staff members to attend classes. He said the two young women were the first white outsiders to enroll in the institution.

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Continuing Mexican Christian Institute Task

D. G. Luna to Hospital Leadership Post

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.—E. G. Luna, director of the Mexican Christian Institute here, has been elected to a volunteer leadership position of importance to the city of San Antonio and the surrounding county. He is the new chairman of the Bexar County Hospital District.

While continuing his regular duties at MCI, Mr. Luna will direct the work of a committee which has three large immediate projects. These are: the planning of a \$3,000,000 improvement to the old hospital, the planning of a new \$5,000,000 hospital for the Southwest New School of Medicine and the conversion of a 105-bed sanatorium into a hospital for the aged.

The committee's total budget for next year will be \$2,964,000, an increase of \$229,000 over the current year.

Mr. Luna's acceptance of the position provides an example of the

application of one of the functions of the MCI program: to help to integrate the Spanish-speaking portion of the population into the active leadership of the life of the entire community, including the "Anglos," or English-speaking section. Others of the Spanish community are being elected or appointed to important committees of the city and county in larger numbers each year.

A Christian (Disciples of Christ) congregation, which was started at MCI, has been established in the neighborhood. Residents of the overcrowded area, working under MCI leadership, have helped to obtain a better school system, paved streets, more adequate sewer system and zoning ordinance restricting saloons and liquor outlets in the area. Home painting and cleaning projects have been encouraged.

Support is given to MCI by the Community Chest of San Antonio and by the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) of the United States and Canada through the home mission ministries' budget of The United Christian Missionary Society.

James Pippin Called To Chaplaincy Duty

FALLS CHURCH, VA.—James Clayton Pippin, who has been minister here at First Christian Church for eight years, has been called to active duty as a chaplain.

His unit, the 354th General Hospital, is one of the 249 supporting reserve units called to active duty, effective Oct. 15. The unit will train at Fort Meade, Maryland. He is being given a year's leave of absence from the church, and an *ad interim* minister will be called.

This is the third time that Mr. Pippin has been called to serve in the armed forces. He was a sergeant in World War II; was recalled during the Korean Conflict in September, 1950, as a staff sergeant, and after being discharged he re-entered seminary and received his commission as chaplain in 1955. He now holds the rank of captain.

● **Sioux FALLS, S. D.**—Mrs. Frank Veninga, wife of the president of the North American Baptist Seminary here, has recently been called as Director of Religious Education here at First Christian Church.

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New Assistant Editor For Youth Department

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Miss Natalie Hodgson is a new assistant editor in the youth department of the Local Church Curriculum Division here at Christian Board of Publication.



Miss Hodgson

Her editorial responsibilities will include *Focus*, new resource material for evening meetings of junior highs, and work on the new summer camp curriculum to be ready for use in 1963.

A native of Porterville, Calif., Miss Hodgson is a graduate of Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif.

D. H. McCord Ordained

MANHATTAN, KAN.—Donald Hal McCord was ordained to the Christian ministry here at First Christian Church on Aug. 13. A Timothy of the church here, he received the A. B. degree from Phillips University, Enid, Okla.

The special speaker for the ordination service was Donald W. Emig, minister of the United Church, Rowayton, Conn. Mr. Emig was pastor of the church in which Mr. McCord served as a field worker during his seminary training at Yale Divinity School.

Mr. and Mrs. McCord left last month for West Berlin, Germany, for a two-year assignment as fraternal work delegates to the Congregation Schlachtensee, in one of the city's suburbs.

Organist Honored

MT. RAINIER, MD.—The Mt. Rainier Christian Church recently honored Mrs. B. Alfred Bower, organist and pianist at the church for 50 years. Marion B. Brinson, minister of the church, read a resolution of appreciation and William S. Egbert, board chairman, presented an engraved sterling silver bowl to Mrs. Bower on behalf of the congregation. Although she has retired as organist, Mrs. Bower, past president of the CWF, will continue to be active in women's work and the public relations department.



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RUSSELL LESLIE received the God and Country Award at First Christian Church, Sedalia, Mo. Flanking Scout Leslie are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Leslie. On the left is Harry Purviance, minister of the church, and on the right is Joe Wright, scoutmaster.



JOHN WAYNE LYKINS received the God and Country Award at Mill Creek Christian Church, Mason County, Kentucky, recently. On the right is James E. Compton, Jr., minister of the church. Also in the picture are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lykins.



GOD AND COUNTRY AWARDS

GLENN ALAN PORTER is the first scout ever to receive the God and Country Award at Capitol Christian Church, Phoenix, Ariz. On the left is James Grant, scoutmaster; pinning on the award is the minister, Darrell D. Hoyle; and on the right are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Porter.



BRIAN RUNYAN was presented the God and Country Award at First Christian Church, Portland, Ore. The presentation was made by Harold Glen Brown (right), minister of the church. On the left are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Runyan.

TOMMY SPRINGFIELD received the God and Country Award at the Crown Heights Christian Church, Oklahoma City, Okla. On the right are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Springfield. J. Clyde Wheeler, minister, looks on.



book of the month

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Marica of Paraguay

by Marjorie Spice

Selected and reviewed by Mrs. Donald Remer, Sedalia, Missouri, lifetime member of the Christian Church, church school superintendent and teacher of youth and children in El Dorado Springs, deaconess and secretary of the official board, First Christian Church, Sedalia.

Marica, our thin, dark-skinned neighbor in Paraguay, with her dark, serious eyes and proud ways knew all the hardships, privation, and sorrows of her country. She had little time for the gaiety and laughter of childhood, after selling chipa so that her sick mother might have medicine and something to eat.

Marica's life changed suddenly when her haughty Aunt Maria came from Asuncion and took Marica to live with her. There she would be taught the art of making beautiful handuti, the beautiful Paraguayan lace. But lace making was not for Marica. She had the natural talent for spreading sunshine and joy and sharing with others, wherever she went.

After she went to care for Dr. and Sra. Angelo's mischievous baby, Cacho, she soon learned to read at the Colegio Internacional. She became aware of the differences in the way of life at the Mission and those in the native city. Should Carlos find a cat to pet, so the saint of cats would take away the toothache? Should he do as his teacher asked, go to Friendship Mission and have a dentist fix the tooth? Was it so bad to share food and clothing with those in need? Do charms work? Why did Aunt Maria warn Marica never, never to go near the little church?

Children as well as adults will live and share these delightful experiences with Marica as she romps her way into everyone's heart. Even Aunt Maria with her hard, cynical ways and beliefs and Marica's mother so lonely and ill found a second home in the friendly red and white church down the street.

The scripture verse from Isaiah comes to mind—"A little child shall lead them." Here again, the most unlikely one, a small child, leads oth-

ers to see more clearly the love of God.

Marica of Paraguay by Marjorie Spice, published by The Bethany Press, is priced at \$2. The book is available from the Christian Board of Publication, Box 179, St. Louis 66, Mo.

Books Received

THE ROBE AND THE SWORD. By Kenneth M. MacKenzie. Public Affairs Press. 128 pages. \$3.25.

METHODISM'S CHALLENGE IN RACE RELATIONS. By J. Philip Wogaman. Public Affairs Press. 76 pages. \$2. (Paper).

MESSAGES FROM GOD'S WORD. By Hanns Lilje. Augsburg Publishing House. 196 pages. \$3.95.

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH. By A. T. DeGroot. Published by the Author, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth 29, Texas. 128 pages. \$3.25 (Cloth); \$2.50 (Paper).

HOW YOU CAN CONQUER LONELINESS. By Andrew Kosten. Twayne Publishers, Inc. 176 pages. \$3.50.

A BIBLICAL DIARY AND QUIZ BOOK. By Frederick L. B. Schwartz. Vantage Press, Inc. 155 pages. \$2.95.

LIGHT FROM HEAVEN. By Christmas Carol Kauffman. Herald Press. 452 pages. \$3.50.

OUT OF THE EARTH. (Revised and Enlarged Edition). By E. M. Blaiklock. William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company. 92 pages. \$2.

RESENTIMENT. By Max Scheler. Edited, with an introduction by Lewis A. Ciser. Translated by William W. Holdheim. The Free Press of Glencoe, Inc. 201 pages. \$4.

BELOVED WORLD. By Eugenia Price. Zondervan Publishing House. 512 pages. \$4.95.

CHRISTMAS STORIES FROM MANY LANDS. By Herbert H. Wernecke. The Westminster Press. 302 pages. \$3.95.

HEREIN IS LOVE. By Reuel L. Howe. The Judson Press. 116 pages. \$1.50 (Paper), \$3. (Cloth).

STUDIES IN COMPARATIVE EDUCATION SERIES: EDUCATION IN AFGHANISTAN. By Abdu H. K. Sasi-sani. U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Office of Education. 55 pages. \$0.40 (Paper). May be obtained from United States Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

TODDLERS AT CHURCH. By Jessie B. Carlson. The Bethany Press. 80 pages. \$1. (Paper).

GOD'S COVENANT OF BLESSING. By John P. Milton. The Augustana Press. 234 pages. \$3.95.

THE VOICE OF STRANGERS. By Bob Duncan. Doubleday and Company, Inc. 359 pages. \$4.50.

CHRISTIANS AND POWER POLITICS. By Alan Booth. Association Press. 126 pages. \$3.

MARRIAGE, THE FAMILY AND THE BIBLE. By Henry E. White, Jr. The Christopher Publishing House. 84 pages. \$2.50.

THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS. By Walter Luthi. John Knox Press. 221 pages. \$4.

SPARKS ON THE WIND (Poems). By Morton D. Prouty, Jr. John Knox Press. 47 pages. \$2.

READ THE BIBLE WITH ME. By G. Keith Parris. The American Press. 533 pages. \$7.50.

THE BIBLE IS FOR YOU. By Stuart E. Rosenberg. Longmans, Green and Company, Inc. 179 pages. \$3.75.

THE THEOLOGY OF PAUL TILLICH. Edited by Charles W. Kegley and Robert W. Bretall. The Macmillan Company. 370 pages. \$1.95 (Paper).

THE DREAMS OF REASON. By Rene Dubos. Columbia University Press. 167 pages. \$5.

TREASURE IN EARTHEN VESSELS. By James M. Gustafson. Harper and Brothers. 141 pages. \$3.50.



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Clear Perception

The Old Testament in the Cross. By J. A. Sanders. Harper and Brothers. 143 pages. \$3.

This is a provocative and inspiring book. Written by the Professor of Old Testament at Colgate Rochester, it is essentially an essay in biblical theology. Dr. Sanders insists that an understanding of Old Testament thought is a prerequisite for New Testament interpretation. After all, the Hebrew Bible was the only canon of the early Christians, and it was thus the only written criterion by which they could judge their faith—even their Christology. It can be concluded, therefore, "that what the New Testament says, not in all particulars about Christ, but about God, is what the Old Testament says about God" (p. 127).

In developing this thesis, the author begins with a discussion of the biblical doctrine of creation. This doctrine, as understood by the Hebrews, presupposes a radical monotheism. It also demands a clear distinction between God and the world. This distinction, however, has been violated from both sides: man by his sin, and God by his providence. Basically, "Man's sin is his failure . . . to distinguish between God and his blessings . . . the Creator and his creation" (p. 65). God, on the other hand, has violated the distinction by his providential entrance into history to accomplish his purposes.

The providence of God is further seen in the biblical ideas of judgment and salvation. Prof. Sanders' unique emphasis here is that "Salvation and judgment are synonymous" (p. 72). Perhaps this apparent identification of the two concepts lacks clarity, since elsewhere Sanders states that judgment is the process through which redemption is accomplished (cf. p. 92). What he actually stresses, however, is that judgment and salvation are two inseparable aspects of God's inescapable sovereignty. This he does with compelling force. Similar is his clear perception that the concept of judgment is "harsher and crueler" in the New Testament than it is in the

Old. Dr. Sanders is also correct in his insistence that the concepts of judgment and salvation attain their greatest unity in the cross of Christ.

Students of biblical theology will read this book with profit, and because of its lucid style which at times attains dramatic power, it will afford the alert layman a moving experience.—WILLIAM BAIRD.

Bridging the Gap

Minister and Doctor Meet. By Granter E. Westberg. Harper and Brothers. 179 pages. \$3.50.

In this lucidly written and thoroughly readable book Dr Westberg ventures into what has often been considered the "no-man's land" of the physician-minister relationship.

Drawing on many years' experience as a hospital chaplain and as an instructor in both the medical and the theological schools of the University of Chicago, the author stresses the importance of the holistic (which he feels should be spelled "wholistic") approach to the problems of the patient. As is pointed out in his introduction, "If man is an indivisible entity and if the doctor and the minister have dedicated their lives to serving him in times of crisis, then we had better get together for a continuing discussion of our basic philosophy, our goals, and our methods." One method of achieving such a combined effort, case history conferences attended both by ministers and by physicians, long a valuable tool of physicians in the planning and review of patient management, is particularly well presented.

One chapter, "The Do's and Don'ts of Helpful Conversation," I found particularly interesting. The interview techniques described here could be studied with profit by medical students just beginning their clinical training, with view to improving their patient interviews.

Although certainly not the complete answer, Dr. Westberg's book makes a highly commendable effort to bridge the gap between physician and minister over the bed of the hospitalized patient.—WILSON A. HEEFNER, M.D.

To Reorient One's Life

Light for Dark Days. By J. Clyde Wheeler. The Bethany Press. 124 pages. \$1.95.

Light for Dark Days is a unique book which will be found on many a bedside table. It should be read and cherished for its practical gems of philosophy and religion. The Christian life is presented in such a way as to grip the reader and inspire the soul.

This book will be seen on many an office desk, for it is primarily a layman's book. Even so, every minister should read it, for he, too, is called on to shed "Light on dark days." For this purpose the reviewer believes it is excelled only by the Bible itself.

It is a book to be used when a person thus pressed for time may need, through a few minutes of study, to reorient his life; to get a bit closer to God; to get "a lift" in moments of doubt and uncertainty. *Light for Dark Days* will give one the inspiration to live a better life, to be more effective and satisfying in one's daily endeavor to measure up to the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus. As the author himself says, it is a "read as you run" book. It is especially designed for use by busy people.

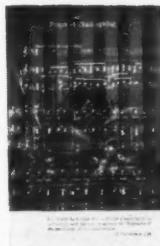
Are you one of those past the crest of life? Read pages 90 and 95. Have you a handicap? Try page 25. Are you a student? Read pages 67 and 70. Regardless of your status in life, try pages 23 and 86. With this brief sample to whet your appetite, you will probably plunge in and read the entire book, for every page is a stimulator and source of inspiration.

I believe the author uses the statement, "Life can be beautiful," over sixty times, but in no Pollyanna sense at all; instead, it is a factual use, documented with realistic experiences which prove indeed that "Life can be beautiful." It is a book that will help to make your life just that.—JOSEPH CHASTAIN.

We did both the author and the reviewer of this book a disservice by listing incorrect page references in the "Book of the Month" review of it in our August 13 issue.

—THE EDITOR.

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Letters . . .

Freedom Disappearing?

Editor, *The Christian*:

Are we, the people of the United States, deliberately preparing our country for domination by autocracy by our refusal to give thought to the solution of our problems and by our insisting that elected officials make our decisions?

. . . When we see the Communists hovering over the so-called "free" countries of the world, we know that the Communists are not the cause of the decadence and corruption that is morally weakening and bankrupting those countries, and that they are merely watching for the opportunity to profit by the carelessness and spiritual demise of the do-nothing "good" people of those countries.

The aggression against peace and freedom which is most to be feared in America is that aggression by crime and corruption which is being encouraged by public indifference. The only effective defense against this aggression is enthusiastic building of the Kingdom of God by every church member.

By our neglect of kingdom building are we deliberately discarding our freedom?—BILL BURCHILL, *El Dorado, Kan.*

Intriguing

Editor, *The Christian*:

"The Quest for Unity," by Roland Robert Cross, M. D. (*The Christian*, June 25, 1961), intrigued me.

Dr. Cross has given us some rather interesting data. He comes to the heart of the matter when he says, "Let us recognize Christ as the head—and in that we have unity."

Perhaps many read 1 Corinthians 12 as though it were written to an individual church. Not only would Paul's counsel apply to the individual church organization but also to the combination of all church organizations working individually but in harmony.

Let us desist from our search for complete functional organization and expend our energy in "obeying the head" by doing with our different parts the things the head wishes done, which is to spread his message of salvation throughout the world.—MRS. LESLIE W. COOK, *Independence, Mo.*

Lulled to Sleep

Editor, *The Christian*:

Your editorial for July 2, entitled "No Picnic," scared me half to death! If I have ever read an article by any author that does an excellent job of lulling Americans to sleep, this is it. . . .

You write, and I quote, "While Christians are as loyal citizens as they know how to be, they have been comparatively weak as flag wavers." Unquote. I pity America, especially Christians, if we, as Christian citizens, continue to be quiet. We must speak out, we must fight and fight hard, if there are to be churches, parks, Bibles, in America. There is absolutely no doubt but that Communists are in our churches and our schools. Our State Department is riddled through with pro-Communists. These people are not just atheists, they are anti-God. . . . I say if we accept your idea of trusting all others, of being non-critical, there won't be a great number of July Fourths left. In the name of God, man, wherein lies your reasoning?—R. B. MARTIN, *MONROE, La.*

EDITOR'S COMMENT: To be awake to the danger of being maimed for life by the right-wing opportunists does not necessitate being asleep to the danger of annihilation at the hands of communism. In fact (and herein lies my reasoning), the latter enemy is gaining ground by the activities of the former, without lifting a finger.

"Anti-Anti-Antis"

Editor, *The Christian*:

I have noticed several articles in the news sections which are simply factual reports of what someone said against anti-communism or an anti-communist. I will not accuse you of being a Communist sympathizer, but I do say that many of these news reports are anti-anti-communist. You are always quoting men who say something against anti-communists. . . .

Evidence concerning the film "Operation Abolition" and the Air Force Manual is enough against the National Council to show that there are many Communist sympathizers within its ranks. Your magazine supports this Council. It is time

that Christians were not quoting someone who spoke against anti-communism. It is time that they were exposing this Communist influence in the National Council. It is time that the brotherhood leave such a Communist-influenced group.

. . . I have noticed that if someone mentions something against communism in an article somewhere in the paper you do not censor it. Still, I think you could do a little more in your magazine to make your news articles, too, so that it will open people's eyes to the dangers of communism, instead of slanting them in favor of it, or rather at least against anti-communism.—RONALD SEARS, *Willowton, W. Va.*

EDITOR'S COMMENT: Nobody has found any Communists in the National Council yet. I trust our good members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the President and the Executive Secretary, to find them, if they are there. The Air Force Manual was withdrawn and the "Operation Abolition" film was edited to make it more nearly a true record of what happened in San Francisco. As every good Communist must know the tactics, smearings, and false charges of some of the "anti-communists" are doing a better job of weakening the Church, than the Commies have been able to do. We hope to win the struggle against communism, in spite of the efforts of some to destroy us. We pledge our continued best efforts.

Another Hymn

Editor, *The Christian*:

A column on page 23 of the July 30 issue of *The Christian*, Brotherhood News section, mentions two Disciples having written hymns that received recent recognition in *Thirteen New Marriage and Family Life Hymns*.

In the same classification and publication, published by the Hymn Society of America, is a third Disciple's hymn, "Before Thee, Lord, We Join Our Hearts." This text, to be sung to the tune *Amesbury*, was written by Mildred Harper Foltz, one of the secretaries on our staff at East Dallas Christian Church.

It is good to have three Disciples significantly honored in the same competition.—A. EUGENE ELLSWORTH, *DALLAS, TEX.*



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a chat with Chet

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QUESTION: *What do you think the Bible teaches about the second coming of Christ?*

ANSWER: I think the Bible teaches that he will come a second time, also that he will come as lightning.

This is not to be wondered at. Jesus said he was the light of the world. If you have ever watched lightning you have seen the landscape that was dark all illumined when a bolt of lightning flashed across the horizon.

Once again we lift up our practice in our Disciple churches of allowing differences, and even encouraging differences of opinion. In this matter there is a considerable range of opinion. I can only give you my answer. In honesty, I tell you there are other viewpoints.

The Bible makes it seem clear to me that the first-century Christians felt Jesus would come during the life span of most of them. Those who had died would experience a resurrection when he returned.

Did he return? I believe he did! I think he was present at Pentecost. He returned as lightning, or light, and illuminated Peter's sermon.

Several theories have been developed about the second coming of Christ. Some are very attractive indeed. In seminary we studied several of them, and I must admit some seemed to me

to be beyond the pale of reason in the light of Christ's teachings.

Proof-texting has been used to advance these various theories. A "Thus saith the Lord" has been the approach of some. Well, what does the Lord say? I admit this question is as wide open for differences of opinion as any New Testament question I know.

I can not believe that at some date in the future, when the world gets better or gets as bad as it is going to be, Jesus, the Christ, will ride a cloud down to earth and call all the faithful to him and then open the graves of the faithful who died long years ago and restore them to physical health. I know this is what the first-century Christians seemed to expect. I know that some of our own people expect this. You have a right to.

I have heard some pretty fanciful descriptions of what life on earth is going to be like for the faithful when he returns again. Life on earth could be like that now if we all would follow in faith.

May I use a personal illustration? Some years ago at the age of 86 my grandmother died because of cancer. What about the second coming? She was very faithful as a Christian. Will he come and raise her in full health? No, I do not believe so. I believe, for her, his second coming was when she went into the baptismal waters as an act of faith in him as a young lady. He made his second coming to her as a person. That made her life complete. His second coming was not just a

bolt of lightning that flashed through her life once. He came as light, love, truth, life and spirit to be with her all of her living days. For seventy years or more he was her guide. Her spirit lives on as all spirit and truth lives on. Her body was the temple of her soul. It has gone the way of all flesh according to the laws of God.

What happens is we become so concerned about our bodies that we lose sight of the spiritual implications of our faith. We use this idea of the second coming to establish a hope that we will be resurrected in our present bodies which even today receive more of our concern than our spiritual selves.

If we have a living Christ it is because he lives in the hearts of the faithful. He lives in their hearts because he made a second coming to them as individual persons. I believe he is living today in millions of persons because he came to them, a second coming for them as it were, a light, truth, love, and spirit.



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